

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title to:

~~PRODUCTION UNIT FOR RIGID ROLLED TUBULAR PIPE~~

INSTALLATION FOR MANUFACTURING WOUND RIGID TUBULAR PIPES

Please insert the following paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is a 35 U.S.C. §§ 371 national phase conversion of PCT/FR2003/003627, filed 8 December 2003, which claims priority of French Application No. 02 16867, filed 30 December 2002. The PCT International Application was published in the French language.

Please insert the following section heading at page 1, line 4:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following section heading at page 6, line 33:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following section heading at page 11, line 11:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Furthermore, the connecting means 18, which are of parallelepipedal overall shape, allow the first barge 10 to be kept aligned in the continuation of the second barge 12. By contrast, their ends are mounted articulated respectively to the first barge 10 and to the second barge 12 about horizontal axes 20 and 22 that are mutually parallel. As will be explained in greater detail in the description

which will follow, these articulations allow the relative motion of the barges 10, 12 with respect to one another about a ~~vertical~~ horizontal axis ~~perpendicular~~ parallel to the plane of Figure 1. Quite obviously, the same result could be obtained with connecting means consisting of a deformable parallelepipedal the ends of which would each have four points of attachment to each of the barges 10, 12, the points of attachment not being situated on the same axis.